

## Slaughter secures \$450,000 for Niagara County water projects

U.S. Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-NY 28th District, recently secured \$450,000 in federal funds for two Niagara County water projects.

The funds are allocated in the FY 2005 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which passed the House on June 25.

"This funding will help restore and protect the natural wonders of Niagara County," Slaughter said.

Slaughter secured \$350,000 to repair the West Pier at Wilson Harbor in Wilson. The base section of the pier had been damaged and is in danger of breaking through. The pier serves a vital role in protecting the harbor and is in urgent need of repair. The project will restore approximately 100 linear feet of pier adjacent to the shoreline. The project will begin next spring.

"Restoration of the pier at Wil-

son Harbor will ensure that boaters can continue to safely use the harbor," she said.

For the second consecutive year, Slaughter secured \$100,000 for the clean-up of Eighteen Mile Creek, located near Olcott. The funding will continue the Eighteen Mile Creek Remedial Action Plan study, a cooperative effort by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Niagara County Legislature to determine the effects of contaminated sediments on the fish and wildlife in the creek.

"Both projects will bolster the local sport fishing and tourism industry and make our communities better places to live, work and visit," Slaughter said.

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